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Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed is a copy of a Decision Memo (DM) signed on August 6, 2004, authorizing implementation of the Big Creek-Pearl Hazardous Fuels Reduction project on National Forest System lands within the Big Creek-Pearl vicinity. The DM is available on our website at www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr.

On March 22, 2004, the *Scoping Report for the Big Creek-Pearl Hazardous Fuels & Beaver Creek Timber Sale Analyses* was sent out for review and comment. At that time, because of the close proximity of the fuels project and the timber sale, plans were to conduct and complete one analysis of the two project proposals, in order to adequately address the effects of the proposals. It was further stated that although one analysis would be completed, two separate decisions would be made for these two separate proposals.

On April 21, 2004, the Interdisciplinary (ID) Team and the Parks District Ranger met and a decision was made to temporarily postpone the existing Beaver Creek Timber Sale and include this area in a future analysis. Since this project originated in the mid-1990s, many changes have taken place. The ID Team agreed that it would be more appropriate to redesign the project and re-analyze the area in the upcoming Rhea Creek Analysis.

If you have any questions concerning this decision, please contact Terry DeLay, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at the above address, or phone at 307-326-2518.

Thank you for your interest in the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests.

Sincerely,

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